

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004. Claims 2-12, 25, 26 and 28-30 were objected to. Claims 1, 13, and 24 were rejected. The claims and specification have been amended to address the concerns raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1-13, 18-20, 23-26 and 28-30 were originally presented. Claims 1, 3-13, 18-20, 23-24, 26, and 28-30 remain in the application. Claims 2 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 24 have been amended. No claims have been added.

The indication of allowable claims 18-20 and 23, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-12, 25, and 26, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 13, and 24 (including independent claims 1 and 24) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lisle et al (US Patent No 5,969,720).

In order to most succinctly explain why the claims presented herein are allowable, Applicant will direct the following remarks primarily to the originally presented independent claims 1 and 24 with the understanding that once an independent claim is allowable, all claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Claims 1 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 25 respectively. The Lisle reference fails to disclose at least one display layer being partially visually alterable to provide the display, as in amended claim 1 of the present invention. The Lisle reference also fails to disclose a method including disposing a reflective coating at an interface of the display layer and remaining layers of the storage array unit, as in amended claim 24 of the present invention.

Rejection of the dependent claim 13 should be reconsidered and withdrawn for at least the reasons given above with respect to independent claim 1. The dependent claim, being narrower in scope, is allowable for at least the reasons for which the independent claim is allowable.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 13, and 24 are allowable, and urges the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Further, claims 3-12 and 26 are no longer dependent on a rejected base claim. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-12 and 26 are allowable, and urges the Examiner to withdraw the objection. Claim 28 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, therefore claims 28-30 should now be allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3-13, 18-20, 23-24, 26, and 28-30 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Vaughn North at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No claims were added, while 2 claims were canceled (claims 2 and 25). Therefore, no additional fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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